

MINE MULE IS DISAPPEARING IN SOUTHLAND

Modern Mine of These Days Has Use for Only One Animal in Development

WEST FRANKFURT, Ill., Sept. 13.—The mine mule, whose history dates back to the days of early coal mining in southern Illinois, gradually is disappearing just as is old Dobbin, the once familiar dray horse. With the gradual disappearance of the faithful "hard tail," old miners are preserving for posterity tales of pathos and sympathy for the once essential draft animal of the mining industry.

Stories picturing the mule going blind by constantly being kept underground and picturing the colt born far below the surface are discounted by the more truth-loving miners as fairy tales and by the mine operators as stories whose design is to lend a touch of romance to the early history of coal-mining.

The modern mine finds use for only one animal, that for the distribution of powder after the miners have been hoisted to the surface. This mule is lowered to the bottom of the shaft, but brought back up after completing its work and is cared for in a stable above ground. Electrical power is used almost exclusively for hauling coal carts underground.

In mines where the mule still is used exclusively the animals are brought to the surface frequently in rare instances, it is said, are the mules kept in the pits for any length of time. When work in the mines is suspended it is a general custom to leave the animals to the surface, where they are kept in pastures until the mines resume operation.

The only animals known to breed in the shafts and pits are rats and mice. These little rodents, however, are often made pets of the miners for the reason that their presence indicates absence of gas pockets. As long as the mouse or rat slips about a certain place the miner is certain to be free of the gas danger.

VOLSTEAD HAS HOT FIGHT ON FOR ELECTION

Father of Prohibition Enforcement Has Foe in Election Worthy His Steel

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 13.—Congressman Andrew J. Volstead, father of the prohibition enforcement act, will be opposed for reelection by the November election by the man who defeated him in the primary two years ago.

This contest in the seventh Minnesota congressional district rivals in interest the three-cornered fight for the United States senate, in which a woman—Mrs. Anna Dickie Olson—has been writing the campaign page for her two male opponents.

Prohibition is not an issue in the contest between Volstead, for he will be opposed by the Rev. O. J. Keale of Herman, who declares himself "as dry as Volstead with a little more spirit." Mr. Volstead has the endorsement of the republican district convention, while both the democratic and the farmer-labor conventions endorsed the candidacy of Rev. Keale.

In 1931, as the candidate of the Nonpartisan league seeking the republican nomination, Rev. Keale polled 17,369 votes to 15,059. Then charges of violation of the state law against practices against Rev. Keale were sustained, the nomination was the result and the republican district convention elected Mr. Volstead as its republican candidate.

With the approach of the election that year, the Keale faction circulated petitions that enabled him to file as an independent and in a three-cornered race—a democratic candidate, Keale polled 36,822 votes to 33,376 and the democratic candidate 3,352.

This year, with Keale having the democratic endorsement, a split in the district has been made between Keale and Volstead and the question has been strengthened the old Nonpartisan league farmer-labor organization has been able to retain.

Two years ago women were exceptionally active in the interests of Mr. Volstead, and it was admitted that their vote aided in determining his success.

If the Keale forces have been able to hold their strength the issue probably will rest with those voters who cast a democratic ballot two years ago. With the democratic convention endorsement, Keale forces expect to carry the greater part of this democratic vote.

MEMORIAL STADIUM WILL BE BUILT

BERKELEY, Calif., Sept. 13.—Construction of California's memorial stadium in Strawberry canyon, on the University of California campus, will be started soon in order to be completed in time for the "big game" by R. G. Sprout, commissioner. The stadium, according to announcement, seating capacity will be at least 75,000, Sprout says. Drafts for the stadium have been accepted by the regents and a committee has been appointed to take care of details and specifications so that bids may be called for from contractors at an early date.

The stadium will combine the earthen bowl and coliseum types in its construction. The playing field, as now being discussed, will be built of builders as a base, surmounted by layers of gravel, sand and turf. A subdrainage system will be installed to water the grass roots by flooding rather than sprinkling. "Game called off on account of rain" will hereafter be heard on the Bruin campus, it is said, as the drainage facilities will be so constructed that in one hour after a rain the field will be in condition for playing.

JAPAN TO ENCOURAGE IMPORTATION OF PINE

TOKIO, Sept. 13.—The Japanese government has decided to encourage the importation of American pine with a view to regulating the market quotations of timber in general. There has been such a steady increase in the importation of American pine that some timber dealers here regard it as a menace to the domestic forestry enterprise and an attempt by the imperial government to keep the influx of the timber in check is advocated.

Mr. Nakai, chief of the forestry affairs bureau in the department of agriculture and commerce, however, belittled the suggestion, while admitting the growing increase of the import from the United States. "It is true," he stated, "that during the past few years the import of American pine has been more than doubled, chiefly because of its lower quotations. But the imported timber is no inferior in quality that its growing import can hardly menace the domestic forestry undertakings."

MIRTH FOUNTAIN OF GREENWICH IS ENTRANCING

Sonia of the Village Wins in Her Fight for Life and All Are Pleased

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Greenwich Village, that bohemian center regarded as a perpetual fountain of mirth, for a time was hushed by its little tragedy, but now the tale has taken a new turn and the happy ending is in sight.

A few weeks ago Sonia, the cigarette girl, was stricken desperately ill. Her disease, a strange form, the doctors said.

For weeks she lay in a hospital ward, pale and wan. And very lonely was Sonia, for she found that her village friends, the poets and painters who loathed with her and blew smoke rings with her in cellar and garret, had deserted her.

On the walls were none of the gay apostrophes, the paintings and the sketches in which she delighted. The sounds which came to her were ominous sounds, lacking the mirth and laughter which to her had constituted life.

Sonia is only in her twenties. Youth rebels at grim hospital walls and white-clad doctors and nurses, with their stethoscopes and syringes, charts.

But now doctors say that Sonia has won her fight—that she soon will be discharged.

Everyone in the village knows Sonia. In her smock and sandals she could be seen any day walking bare-headed through the alleys of the Latin quarter, sinking her bobbed head violently when engaged in argument over belated letters or the views of Pound.

Sonia—she has a last name, but in the village she is known only as Sonia—is a Bohemian. Thousands of the village have seen her slipping out of owners who have visited from table to table in the fantastic tearooms, which the village bores, cajoling the motormen into buying a package of her cigarettes.

Sonia is versatile. Now she would make a little money at one thing,

ENGLISH WOMEN WANT PARLIAMENT SEATS

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The women of England are preparing an intensive campaign with a view to securing more women members of parliament. They are quite satisfied with Lady Astor and Mrs. Wintlingham, but they want more women in the house of commons to keep these two from feeling lonesome. They have now formed a committee to embrace all parties—except the communists. They call it the women's election committee. They are raising a central fund, too, to help women candidates. Any one who sends along more than a pound can have it earmarked for the support of a candidate for any particular party.

The duchess of Atholl has her eye on a seat, and although her aristocratic friends are trying to dissuade her from engaging in an electoral contest, it is understood she is preparing to stand for the parliamentary vacancy that will occur if the expected promotion of the lord advocate to the Scottish bench takes place.

at other times at another. Sometimes she would make nothing at all.

Once she went to Boston and there staged a bohemian dance largely attended by Harvard undergraduates. Arrangements went a bit awry, the dance was not wholly a success and the police reserves had to be called.

A few months ago she opened a little shop of her own in the village. To her stock of cigarettes she added erudite tomes and fanciful satirists.

Then she was stricken.

Her acquaintances tried to find her family. They were all dead, she said. She smiled mysteriously whenever she was asked whence she had hailed. She just appeared one day in the village. Tradition has it that her homeland was Russia.

"It isn't so much that I'm down and out," she said bravely. "It's that the village folks don't come to see me. Yes, I know, the village is away up in Provincetown and Cruton. But they might send me word or have dropped in to see me before they went."

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WOMEN MAGISTRATES THICK IN ENGLAND

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BIRDS FLYING LONG DISTANCE TO NEW HOMES

Three Thousand Miles Distance Given by Biological Survey of United States

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—How far will a migratory bird travel in its fall and spring flights? The biological survey has determined that they make flights of at least 3,000 miles.

An investigation has been conducted for several years by the survey by trapping ducks and other strong-winged fowl in northern sections and marking them with light bands bearing a serial number and the legend, "Red. Surv. Wash. D. C." The numbers on the fowl are recorded and from time to time hunters bag some of those marked report where and when the bird was brought down with the bands from Lake down.

More than 200 such birds were trapped in Ontario, about 20 miles north of Toronto, and many reports have been received. So far, the record flight is that of a blue-winged teal banded Sept. 24, 1920, and killed two months and seven days later in a swamp near Port of Spain, on the island of Trinidad. The shortest possible flight the bird could have taken to reach this point, which is off the coast of Venezuela, is 3,000 miles.

In tracing their routes it seemed apparent that the mallards and black ducks traveled together and their course from Lake Superior was southward along the shores of Lake Erie by the route of the St. Clair flats. Here the water divided, the majority continuing southwest, crossing the Ohio, and then to the Mississippi valley, where the majority wintered.

The others took a southeasterly reaching the Atlantic coast by way route, crossing the Alleghenies and of Chesapeake and Delaware bays. None of the banded birds was taken

STANFORD WILL FAVOR OWN FOOTBALL STAND

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 13.—All but one of Stanford university's seven football games this season will be played in the new stadium here. The only journey the varsity will make will be to Corvallis, Ore., to play the Oregon Agricultural college Oct. 28. The teams coming to Stanford will be the Olympic club, University of Santa Clara; St. Mary's college, University of Nevada, University of Southern California, University of Washington and the University of California.



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